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Russian Trial

Your Moscow correspondent, Anatole Shub, reporting on the trial of Alexander Ginsburg, Yuri Galanskov, Alexei Dobrovolsky and Vera Lashkova, states that an effort was made by the Soviet court to link these young Russian writers and champions of democracy with the CIA through their alleged connection with the NTS.

The NTS (National Alliance of Russian Solidarists) is a totally independent Russian organization dedicated to the restoration of freedom and democracy in Russia. Its headquarters are in Frankfurt, West Germany. The NTS branch in the United States is officially registered with the U.S. Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents law (Reg. No. 565). It would be very strange, to say the least, for an agency of the CIA — an American intelligence organization—to be called upon to register in the United States as a foreign agent!

Mr. Shub concludes his report by saying that Western observers in Moscow believe that the trial would have been open if the prosecution had better proofs to support its charges. Mr Shub is right. Indeed, the attempt to link the young writers with the CIA is a deliberate and flagrant maneuver to malign them and discredit their courageous work in the eyes of the Russian people.

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